

**Useful Language to Write a Synthesis Paragraph****Moving from one section to the next, indicating addition or contrast -**

Another significant aspect of X is ...

Unlike Smith (2020), Jones (2014) identified ...

In contrast to Smith (2020), Jones (2014) indicated ...

Despite this, little progress has been made in the ...

However, this system also has a number of serious drawbacks.

On the other hand, in spite of these recent findings about the role of ...,

**Devices that distance the author from a proposition -**

It has been reported that ...

According to Smith (2002), ...

According to previous literature in the field ...

Recent research has suggested that ...

There is some evidence to suggest that ...

**Being cautious when explaining results -**

This inconsistency may be due to ...

This discrepancy could be attributed to ...

A possible explanation for this might be that ...

This rather contradictory result may be due to ...

It seems possible that these results are due to ...

The observed increase in X could be attributed to ...

There are several possible explanations for this result.

There are two likely causes for the differences between ...

A possible explanation for these results may be lack of adequate ...

**Being cautious when discussing implications -**

The findings of this study suggest that ...

One possible implication is that ...

Taken together, these results suggest that ...

The evidence from this study suggests that ...

Initial observations suggest that there may be a link between ...

The data reported here appear to support the assumption that ...

The findings from these studies suggest that X can have an effect on ...

**Additional phrases:**

The literature seems inconclusive/contradictory

The literature seems to dis/agree

As far as \_\_\_\_\_ is concerned,

From the perspective of \_\_\_\_\_,

Similarly,

However, / in contrast,

It is crucial to...

Current literature / the existing literature suggests ...

No known study has ...

Hence / thus / therefore

The aim / purpose of this study